Mainland Teams Practising

Will Bionda Come West To 'Bellies?

By LARRY ROSE

NEW WESTMINSTER—Whether New Westminster Salmonbellies will successfully defend their 1958 inter-city and Mann Cup lacrosse championships appears to centre largely around perennial scoring leader Jack Bionda.

It was Bionda who literally carried New Westminster to the inter-city league title by scoring 102 points in 25 games last season.

It was Bionda who supplied the needed initiative for Salmonbellies to edge Nanaimo Timbermen in the seventh game of a heated best-of-seven B.C. final.

Salmonbellies took over from there to wallop Welland-Crowland Switsons in straight games to win their first Mann Cup championship since 1947.

Coach Jake Proctor's crew began pre-season workouts earlier this week as did Vancouver's Pils, other mainland entry in the inter-city loop.

Majority of the 1958 Salmonbellies were on hand for the opening workouts. However, one question was still being evaded by club officials and there seems little indication that it will be answered within the next three weeks.

Even Manager Doubtful

Club general-manager Harry McKnight was asked "will Bionda be returning this season?"

Rumors had been circulating around New Westminster that Bionda intended to remain near his Toronto home this intended to play his lacrosse summer. Naturally he also there.

Nobody, least of all McKnight, would deny this.

"Jack has said that he would prefer to remain near his home. He also said that if he does play on the coast it would be with us," said McKnight.

"We should know within the next three weeks whether Bionda will be with us or not."

Losing Bionda would not only mean a drop in attendance at New Westminster (the club showed an increase of 43 per cent last season) but it would also weaken the Bellies up front.

Salmonbellies also have goaltending troubles. Stan Joseph, regular netminder for the past two seasons, has not attended a practice thus far. Joseph, who retires annually, is reported considering playing one last season.

If Joseph does not turn out, Harry Preston and junior Les Norman will fight it out for a regular position. Preston would probably get the nod as Norman still has a year's junior eligibility remaining.

Three Defencemen Lost

New Westminster has also lost three defencement from last year's club. Captain Jack Byford, Joe Durante and Mario Crema have all retired.

Holdovers are Doug McRory and Don Sepka, a fifth defenceman last season who will undoubtedly get one of the club's four berths this year. Murray Duncan will also return.

If Bionda returns, Ken Oddy and Bill Jobb (another absentee at opening workouts) will partner him on the Salmonbellies' No. 1 line. Second line of Ivan Stewart, Cliff Sepka and Jack Barclay remains intact.

Rudy Reisinger and Stan Cowie will probably work with 19-year-old Bill Wilkes, rated as the mainland's top contender for the rookie-of-the-year award, on the club's third line.

Jake Trotzuk, Jack Henry (a junior) Bob Bateman, and Wally Harris are the other remaining forwards, although Harris is rumored to be heading for Nanaimo.

Vancouver has an estimated 50 players out to it's first workout. Coach Jack McKinnon's youthful Pils could easily be the team to beat this season after finishing only three points behind New Westminster in 1958.

Vancouver also appears to be the only club in the inter-city league to stand pat with last year's lineup.

Dave Unwin and Keith Johnson will be in line for the goaltending job. Johnson was the regular last season, giving him the current edge.

All Finished Well Up

Gord Gimple, Fred Usselman and Pete Black, 1958 rookie-of-the-year, all finished in the top 10 scorers last year and are expected to carry the bulk of Vancouver's attack.

Wayne Pecknold, Gordie Nicol, Tom Murphy, Bob Anderson and Bobby Marsh have returned along with fiery Bill Chisholm. A new addition to the Pilsener defence will be 200-pound Jack Marsh.

Alex Carey, Jim Swanson, Bob Parry, Ron Hemmerling and John Cervi are also expected to remain with the club.

McKinnon also hopes to sign youngsters Terry McKibbon and Pete Cowie, up from the junior ranks. Both are being wooed by Nanaimo along with Chisholm but will probably wind up in Pilsener uniforms.

Season will open April 30 with Vancouver travelling to New Westminster for the first annual mainland Shrine game.

Pils open their league schedule five days later at Kerrisdale arena. Last season Pils played out of the Vancouver Forum but have since switched back to Kerrisdale, their previous home arena. Salmonbellies open two days later at Queen's Park arena.

Rebounds: Salmonbellies will have to count mainly on the Stewart-Barclay-Sepka line if Bionda fails to return. This line accounted for 150 scoring points last season. That total was only half of the 300 scored by Oddy-Bionda and Jobb . . . both Vancouver and New Westminster are expected to announce "big name" player signings this week. Salmonbellies are after a pair of well-known defencemen . . . John Coleman, last year with New Westminster, is expected to sign with Pils while Victoria's Peewee Bradshaw had been rumored as heading for New Westminster. Victoria had previously attempted to lure Ivan Stewart away from the Bellies.

Bears Saved For Playoffs

Hershey Bears, winless in its last 10 games of the American Hockey League schedule, snapped out of their doldrums last night and nailed Cleveland dBarons, 6-2, in the opening game of the best-of-seven Calder Cup semi-final.

In the other semi-final, Gerry Foley scored twice to lead Buffalo Bisons to a 3-2 victory over Rochester. Obie O'Brien led the Bears with a pair of goals, Arnold Kullman, Dunc Fisher, Ed Stankiewicz and Larry Zeidel added singles, while Ed Mazur and Jack Barlow counted for Cleveland.

At Buffalo Billy Dea got the Buff's other goal and Cec Hoekstra and Rudy Migay scored for Rochester.

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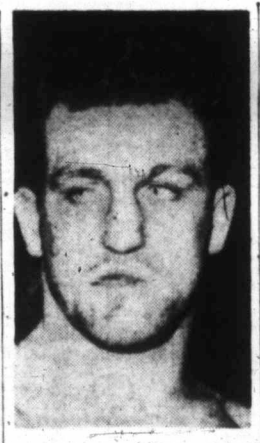

BRIAN LONDON
". . . I'd be daft!"
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Closed Circuit TV in Canada

Durelle, Arch Rematched

MONTREAL (CP)—Archie Moore and Yvon Durelle, whose fight for the light-heavyweight title last December was one of the most sensational in ring history, will have another go at it July 15 in the Montreal Royals' baseball park.

Announcement of the fight was made Wednesday at a press luncheon by Montreal promoter Eddie Quinn.

Champion Archie, the ageless veteran, flew in from California with his wife for the affair. Durelle, who finally succumbed to a knockout in the Dec. 10 battle in Mon'real Forum, was also on hand from his home in Baie Ste. Ann, N.B.

Jack Kearns, Moore's manager, and Chris Shaban, Durelle's manager, were there along with several Montreal sports celebrities.

The ball park has a seating capacity for a fight of 25,000 to 28,000 against 16,000 or so in the forum.

Moore is reported to be guaranteed $175,000 and Durelle $15,000. Moore has the option of 40 per cent of the gate and television money.

Principals in the arrangements said television in the U.S. will go to private homes, as with the usual Wednesday night shows. In Canada the TV is to be on a closed circuit for theatres.

Quinn is promoting the fight in co-operation with National Boxing Enterprises, headed by Trueman Gibson, formerly of the International Boxing Club. The two staged the last scrap.

Kearns and Shaban said that under the agreement, Moore is guaranteed a return match should he lose the title to the New Brunswick fisherman.

If Moore wins, said Kearns, he may meet Sugar Ray Robinson somewhere in September.

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Leonard 63 In Practice

VANCOUVER (CP) — Veteran Stan Leonard of Vancouver fired a sizzling eight-under par 63 Wednesday over the Marine Drive course in his final practice round here before he leaves Friday for the Masters Tournament at Augusta, Ga.

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London Refused Permit by BBBC

LONDON (AP)—Britain's boxing officials Wednesday refused Brian London a permit to meet Floyd Patterson but the burly Briton insisted he was going to fight for the world heavyweight title anyway.

"I'd be daft to turn it down," said the former British heavyweight champion. He has been guaranteed $75,000 — more than he has made in his entire career—to tangle with Patterson, the world champion, at Las Vegas, Nev., April 21.

At a special meeting here, the British Board of Boxing Control declined to issue a permit to London, declaring it was not in the best interest of the sport for him to fight Patterson. British bookmakers have made Patterson a 10-to-1 favorite.

In the United States, American boxing officials indicated they would let London fight Patterson if the bout materializes.

Abe J. Greene, American National Boxing Association commissioner, said at Paterson, N.J., that his group has "a very friendly arrangement and undestanding with the BBBC but we would want to know more about the circumstances which prompted such a peremptory stand before we would concur."

"Without any reflection on the British board, we would want to be certain that there has been no intercession in behalf of or against any of the warring political-boxing factions in this country. We shall await further developments."

London, a 24-year-old, 205-pound six-footer, is ranked fifth contender by the NBA. He lost his title to Henry Cooper by a whopping margin in a 15-round bout in London last Jan. 12.

In Las Vegas James Deskin and Jack Doyle, resident members here of the Nevada boxing commission, issued this statement Wednesday:

"Unless we get a request from the BBBC, giving a good reason for the ban and a transcript of the hearing at which he was banned, we would let him fight."

Curling Draw For Sunday

Draw for the Sunday Commercial Curling Club competition at Victoria Curling Club follows:

10 a.m.—Winner McPherson-Carson vs. winner Brice-Brown; Armstrong vs. Gilhooley, C. McBride vs. Baker, Strathcona Cafe vs. Tudor House.

12.00—Coulter vs. A. Clarke, Etches vs. Pavel, W. Clarke vs. Bewley, Gorge Hotel vs. Balloch, Pearce vs. Tracy, winner Strathcona-Tudor House vs. winner Armstrong-Gilhooley, winner E. McBride-Baker vs. Brown, Windjack vs. Gordon.

2 p.m.—Tudor House vs. winner W. Clarke-Bewley, winner Coulter-A. Clarke vs. winner McPherson-Carson-Brice-Brown, winner Brown-Tang vs. winner E. McBride-Baker, C. Wright vs. Fevang, Wood vs. CKDA-CHEK, Gallagher vs. C. McBride, Toby vs. Six Mile House, Okerstrom vs. N. McBride.

4 p.m.—Lackie vs. Eagle Flyers, Lutz vs. Arcanur, McKibben vs. D. Taylor, ACT vs. Esau, Bray vs. Hasguard, finals of ABC competitions.

Civil Service Curling Draw

Saturday's Civil Service curling draw at Victoria Curling Club follows:

8 a.m.—Fox vs. King, MacDonald vs. McCulloch, Passmore vs. R. Davis, MacDonnell vs. Gerrie, Simons vs. Austin, Purdy vs. Maze, Furnyhough vs. Allison, Millen vs. Clancy.

10 a.m. — Lavoie vs. D. MacLeod, Hughes vs. A. MacLeod, Tivy vs. Kidd, Douglas vs. Pick, Spink vs. Wickes, Spilsbury vs. Glew, Moore vs. Sharpe, Gray vs. H. Davis.

12.00—Ashby vs. LeJeune, Gilbart vs. Stewart, Dysart vs. Edgelow, Westaway vs. Woodward, Shipton vs. Bremner.

Good Friday Golf Tourney at Uplands

Annual inter-club Good Friday four-ball, best-ball tournament will be held at Uplands Golf Club. Draw follows:

8 a.m.—J. Hadfield and J. Osborne vs. V. Ferguson and S. Holland.
8.07—D. Matheson and R. Hunt vs. J. Burns and L. Lewis.
8.14—E. Fedoruk and G. Jones vs. R. Roberts and R. Lyons.
8.21—E. H. Williams and T. Heathfield vs. M. Grute and G. Needler.
8.28—H. Niskasari and T. Christie vs. J. Betts and B. Porritt.
8.35—G. Kirby and S. Billick vs. H. MacDonald and J. Coates.
8.42—H. Robinson and W. Frampton vs. N. Neeley and A. Caddell.
8.49—L. Cam and B. Coates vs. R. Mabee and K. McKay.
8.56—J. Moore and J. Leebetter vs. G. Murphy and L. Briggs.
9.03—L. Hibberson and H. Francis vs. G. Briscoe and C. Humber.
9.10—V. Lea and C. Abbott vs. A. Robertson and M. Ott.
9.17—W. Jeanes and M. Coxworth vs. L. A. Rees and E. MacKenzie.
9.24—R. McLeod and R. Cush vs. A. Donaldson and G. Bigelow.
9.31—Starter's Time.
9.38—G. Pellow and J. Briggs vs. V. Painter and F. Painter.
9.45—G. Andrews and L. Kerr vs. R. Morrison and F. Scroggs.
9.52—W. Luney and R. Ferris vs. D. Naysmith and F. Barron.
9.59—J. Furmston and F. Switzer vs. V. Wheatley and D. Gillbard.
10.06—G. Quincy and F. McClement vs. L. Burt and G. Morgan.
10.13—C. Heggie and F. Ranson vs. C. Horwood and D. Munroe.
10.20—Dr. R. Ross and V. Clarkson vs. J. Reside and C. McBeth.
10.27—D. Myles and D. Anderson vs. L. Holding and P. Holding.
10.34—D. McColl and D. Jones vs. J. Schlievert and M. Warawa.
10.41—E. Peden and O. Jull vs. W. Cameron and G. Cameron.
10.48—H. Gailus and W. Hogan vs. W. Newberry and D. Hogarth.
10.55—L. Harris and R. Lawrence vs. D. McLean and A. N. Other.
11.02—Starter's time.
11.09—T. Fallon and W. Finley vs. C. Jordan and G. Harknett.
11.16—E. Brady and R. Langford vs. B. Blay and B. Thiriwell.
11.23—A. Turner and J. Barlow vs. M. Woodard and D. Woods.
11.30—R. Wakelin and J. Petch vs. R. Dunnet and J. Volway.
11.37—J. Armstrong and T. Armstrong vs. D. Page and H. Marrison.
11.44—A. Gillies and C. Smith vs. S. Worsley and H. Kirkham.
11.51—A. Glenday and W. Hibbert vs. P. Gallimore and K. Stewart.
11.58—A. Blackmore and B. Snyder vs. J. Stokes and J. Thompson.
12.05—H. Bichard and W. Woods vs. D. Bennet and B. Browning.
12.12—M. Dow and G. Clay vs. G. Goodwin and Dr. H. C. Gill.
12.19—J. Pryke and M. Carlow vs. A. N. Other and A. N. Other.

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